

## **29 Aliens Smuggled in Two Vehicles Arrested**

**Temecula, Calif** - Two vehicles were seized and twenty nine suspected illegal immigrants were taken into custody at a newly established checkpoint on Highway 78 and S-2

The first vehicle, a 2001 Ford van, was found to contain fifteen undocumented aliens. The undocumented aliens, all from Mexico, claimed that they were being transported to Los Angeles. The driver of that vehicle is being held in custody and is facing criminal smuggling charges.

The second vehicle, a 1985 Chevrolet Pick-up, appeared to contain a load of asparagus. Further investigation and keen agent observation revealed otherwise. Agents discovered a concealed compartment containing fourteen undocumented aliens from Mexico, also traveling to Los Angeles. Even after discovering the hidden compartment, it took agents several minutes to free the people trapped inside.

One agent was quoted as saying, " it was at least ninety degrees outside, the inside of that compartment, with all of those people, it had to have been over a hundred degrees. The driver of this vehicle is still being sought for questioning.